

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

July 3, 2012

On February 12, 2008, the Board approved a grant of \$1,000,000 in Emergency Shelter Funds, for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Whittier Area First Day Coalition's "Keeping Families Together" project (Project). The Project was originally approved to provide 13 beds of transitional housing and supportive services for families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The funds are administered by the Community Development Commission (Commission), and a Grant Agreement was executed with Whittier Area First Day Coalition which recorded covenants against the property restricting the use of the Project to be operated as a transitional housing facility.

On February 8, 2012, Whittier Area First Day Coalition submitted a request to change the designation of the facility from transitional to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) due to the increased focus that the federal government is now placing on PSH. This conversion would result in the increased availability of permanent housing for homeless families and those at risk of homelessness, which is in line with the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. This conversion will not result in any change in bed capacity; the only change will be the removal of restrictions on length of

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stay. No additional funds are required to facilitate this change.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. Approve the conversion of the Project from a 13-bed transitional housing facility to a 13-bed permanent supportive housing facility for homeless families and those at risk of homelessness.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to amend the Grant Agreement and any related documents with Whittier Area First Day Coalition and all related documents necessary to allow for the conversion of the Project to permanent supportive housing.
3. Find that this change in designation is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the change is not defined as a project under CEQA.